

Slave Receipts/Bills of Sale, Catey and Children, Cloey [Chloe], a Girl, and Frank PC.2094

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Summary Information

Repository	State Archives of North Carolina
Title	Slave Receipts/Bills of Sale, Catey and Children, Cloey [Chloe], a Girl, and Frank,
Date	May 4, 1853 and March 5, 1862
Extent	1.0 boxes
Language	English
Language of Materials note	English

Two receipts, one for sale of Catey, and her three children, Mary, Richard, and Sally (Wilmington, N.C. 1853), and the other for sale of Cloey [Chloe], a girl of about 10, and exchange of Frank, age 40 (unknown place, 1862). The first was issued by Ansley Davis to Speir/Spier Walters, both possibly of Robeson County; the second issued by J.B. Hardee to J.A. Thompson, locale uncertain, but possibly, Columbus County, N.C., and/or Brunswick County, N.C., Horry County, S.C. Though the receipts are from one donor, they are apparently not related.

These receipts functioned as bills of sale, with the first transaction in the amount of \$1,000, and the second transaction representing an exchange, with payment of an additional \$58.75, for Frank.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical/Historical note

There are significant challenges in learning the histories of the enslaved woman, Catey, the man, Frank, and the children, following these exchanges, in 1853 and 1862, respectively, and thereafter even after emancipation. However, one significant clue for regarding Catey and her family is that the Spier Walters family did remain for at least several decades in Robeson County--a fact that eliminates the possibility that the family moved out of state, removing with them these slaves. A study of the census and other records, pinpointing Robeson County, and nearby Bladen County, does reveal several possible name similarities and matches. For example, the North Carolina Marriage Index, 1741-2004, has a marriage record of Cate Walters, a Negro, born ca. 1852, who married William Gaddy 29 November 1872 in Sterlings, Robeson County. The Sterlings township was near the residence of the Spier Walters's family and descendants. In nearby Bladen County, Richard Walters, born January 1849, North Carolina, is shown on the 1900 U.S. Federal Census, with his wife, Nora Lewis (married 1886), and six minor children. There are various other areas of inquiry that a committed family researcher would want to pursue. The people named in the second receipt are harder to trace after the end of the Civil War because of the uncertainty of the locale. In general, however, more resources, are becoming available online and in repositories, making it increasingly possible to bring together a variety of means to trace the lineage of people of African-American ancestry to the 19th century, and possibly before.

Collection contents and transcriptions:

1. The earliest receipt is on a partially printed form with handwritten information inserted. (Preprinted form is shown in quotation marks.) "Wilmington, N.C.", 4 May 1853. Received of Speir [Spier] Walters, Esq, One thousand "dollars, being in full for the purchase of" a "Negro Slave named" Catey with her three children, Viz. Mary, Richard, and Sally "the right and title of said Slave ('s) "warrant and defend against the claims of all persons whatsoever; and" do "likewise warrant" them "sound and healthy;" except the child Mary is marked with burns [?] "as witness" my "hand and seal" Ansley Davis "Seal" /"signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of M. Conly.

2. Received of J. A. Thompson a Negro Girl namey Cloey aged about 10 years & fifty eight Dollars & 75/100 in good [s] notes which was in? exchange for a Negro man named Frank aged about forty years. The right and Title of which I do herby warrant and forever defend. T. B. Hardee. March 5 1862. Attest Isaac G. Long

Collection Arrangement

Chronological order

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Access Restrictions

Available for research

Legal Status note

Gift

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Acquisitions Information

Dial Gray, Whiteville, N.C., 2007; donation accessioned in 2014.

Processing Information note

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Related Materials

Related Collections

Additional information on topics found in this collection may be found in the Manuscript and Archives Reference System (MARS) <http://mars.archives.ncdcr.gov/BasicSearch.aspx>

Also see in other repositories: Race and Slavery Petitions Project of the Digital Library on American Slavery. University of North Carolina at Greensboro via <http://library.uncg.edu/slavery/> and Virginia Historical Society. Slave Names Project: Unknown No Longer via <http://unknownnolonger.vahistorical.org>.

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Brunswick County (N.C.)
- Horry County (S.C.)
- Robeson County (N.C.)

Personal Name(s)

- Catey, slave of Speir Walters
- Cloey, slave of J.A. Thmpson
- Cloey, slave of J.A. Thompson
- Cloey, slave of T.B. Hardee
- Davis, Ansley
- Frank, slave of J.A. Thompson
- Frank, slave of T.B. Hardee
- Hardee, T.B.
- Long, Isaac G.
- Mary, slave of Speir Walters
- Richard, slave of Speir Walters
- Sally, slave of Speir Walters
- Thompson, J.A.
- Walters, Speir
- Walters, Spier

Subject(s)

- Child slaves
- Slave bills of sale--North Carolina
- Slave bills of sale--North Carolina--New Hanover County
- Slave bills of sale--North Carolina--Wilmington
- Slave holders--North Carolina
- Slavery--North Carolina

- Slaves

Other Finding Aids and General Note

The private manuscripts archivist who processed and described these two receipts/bills of sale has made the decision to have these documents stand on its own merits within one private collection instead of placing them within the general private collection named PC.1629.Slave Collection. That collection was originally established around the mid-1970s and first called Miscellaneous Slave Papers. This departure from the earlier practices represents an effort to highlight more effectively the enslaved adults and children by name and the owners full names and locale in hopes of providing easier access to clues about the early life and possible future lives of these people of African descent. Please see the Related Collections note above.

Sources:

North Carolina Marriage Index, 1741-2004; United States Census records: 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900. United States Census Slave Schedules, 1850; 1860.